

Vermont Storm Summer Classic Rules and Information

Please have your USA Softball roster, birth certificates, and proof of insurance available at the tournament. We will have tournament representatives at each field to review your information. Please check in at least 30 minutes before your first game.

USA Softball rules are followed, with the exceptions/additions noted:

The tournament format is 3 game pool play on Fri./Sat. Sunday will be single elimination for the 12U and 14U.

Field Locations

- **Airport Park (AP)** – Colchester, VT – 500 Colchester Point Rd. Colchester, VT 05446
- **Colchester High School (CHS)** – Colchester, VT – 131 Laker Lane Colchester, VT 05446
- **St. Michael's College (SMC)** – Colchester, VT – One Winooski Park Colchester, VT 05446
- **Albert D. Lawton Intermediate (ADL)** – Essex Junction, VT – 104 Maple St. Essex Junction, VT 05452
- **Champlain Valley Union High School (CVU)** – Hinesburg, VT - 369 C V U Rd, Hinesburg, VT 05461

General Information

- There are adjacent areas to warm up, no infield or batting practice on the playing fields please – you can hit ground balls on the back edge of the infield and pop flies to the outfield.
- The home team's book is official – please check during games to make sure there are no differences
- Game officials on the field will resolve protests before the game will be allowed to continue. The UIC's decision is final. No protests are allowed after the game is completed
- Should any game be suspended due to weather conditions, it will be resumed at the point of suspension, time permitting.
- Game time is forfeit time for all games. However, exceptions will be made if a team is held up due to game delays on another field, including travel time between tournament sites
- Please clean out the dugout after each game
- No smoking or alcohol is allowed on or around any of the playing fields

All Pool Play Games (Friday-Saturday)

- Home team in pool play will be decided by a double coin toss
- USA Softball rules for pool play will be observed (EP's may be used in addition to the DP/Flex, but neither are required).

Please be sure you understand these rules!

- All players can hit on Saturday ONLY and can appear anywhere in the batting order. If an extra hitter has to leave the game for any reason they will be recorded as an out. DP/FLEX can still be used both days.
- The following run rule will be in affect:
- 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings, 8 runs after 5 innings
- There is an 80 minute time limit on games (no new inning may start after 80 minutes)
 - Note: A new inning starts the moment the final out of the previous inning is recorded
- The umpire will be the official timekeeper – his/her decision is final
- If the score is tied after 7 innings a tie will be declared
- Stalling tactics will be considered unsportsmanlike and the umpires can take actions as needed
- After the game and team handshakes, the teams should line up on their respective base lines (in front of their dugout).
- Each team selects a Player of the Game from the opposing team (POG awards provided)

Reporting Scores

- COACHES: Please text scores to this number at the completion of each game: (802) 318-5880 (Angie Boyer)
- Include the age bracket, team names, location, time, winner and score. You will receive a contact card at check-in with this information as well. EXAMPLE: 12U Storm, 8:00, Storm 4 Spinners 2

Seedings After Pool Play

Seedings will be made at the end of pool play on Saturday. Teams will be ranked by:

1. Points (3 for a win, 1 for a tie, 0 for a loss)
 2. Head to head play
 3. Runs Allowed
 4. Run Differential (Maximum = 10 per game)
 5. Coin toss
- Please leave a cell phone number with the tournament representative see above, leave at the snack bar/concession tent so your seed and Sunday game time can be sent as a text message. *** We will also have the tournament information online at <http://www.tourneymachine.com>. The link will be sent when ready and we will do our best to keep it up to date and accurate.
 - Note: If all pool play games cannot be completed due to weather or field conditions, averages will be used for Points, Runs Allowed, and Run Differential. The maximum amount to count each game for run differential is 10.
 - There are a couple of teams that are playing 4 pool play games. Those teams will drop their worst game and seeding will be based off of their top 3 games.

All Single/Double Elimination Games on Sunday

- Extra Hitters not allowed. Flex-DP is allowed

- Home team is the higher seed
- There are no Player of the Game awards on Sunday

Quarterfinal Playoff Games

- The same run rule is in effect (15 after 3, 12 after 4, and 8 after 5)
- There is an 80 min. time limit on games (no new inning may start after 80 min.)
- Note: A new inning starts the moment the final out of the previous inning is recorded
- The umpire will be the official timekeeper – his/her decision is final
- If the score is tied after 7 innings or the time limit is reached (whichever comes first) the international tiebreaker will be used until a winner is determined.
- Stalling tactics will be considered unsportsmanlike and the umpires can take actions as needed

Semifinal Playoff Games

- The same run rule is in effect (15 after 3, 12 after 4, and 8 after 5)
- There is a 80 min. time limit on games (no new inning may start after 80 min.)
- Note: A new inning starts the moment the final out of the previous inning is recorded
- The umpire will be the official timekeeper – his/her decision is final
- If the score is tied after 7 innings or the time limit is reached (whichever comes first) the international tiebreaker will be used until a winner is determined.
- Stalling tactics will be considered unsportsmanlike and the umpires can take actions as needed

Championship Games

- The run rule is in effect (15 after 3, 12 after 4, and 8 after 5)
- There are NO time limits
- International tiebreaker used if tied after 7 innings

Rain Format

The Tournament Staff may change the tournament format at any time due to prolonged delays or severe weather conditions. If time is lost due to weather, pool play may be suspended or cancelled and single or double elimination used instead. If a game is interrupted and after it is an official game by USA Softball rule, the clock will not stop during the rain delay – such a game will be resumed from the point of suspension time permitting.

The tournament director will have final say for any other questions (outside of game calls normally made by umpires).

If you have any questions/concerns, please speak to a Vermont Storm representative at your respective field.